THIS IS...

...A WOODEN SWORD?

UGH...!
THROB

SKWOOK
IT'S SO HEAVY...!

NO, IT'S NOT HEAVY... THE SWORD'S DRAINING MY ENERGY!
SQUEEZE

WHAT DID THAT GRANDPA DO TO THIS SWORD...?

OY, GRAMPS!!

НИН...

HOLD ON JUST A SECOND!
FWSH
FWSH
YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST TELL ME WHAT THIS SWORD IS BEFORE YOU DIE!
RUSTLE

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO—

AND YOU ARE...?

SK

LATNA SAGA

SURVIVAL OF A SWORD KING

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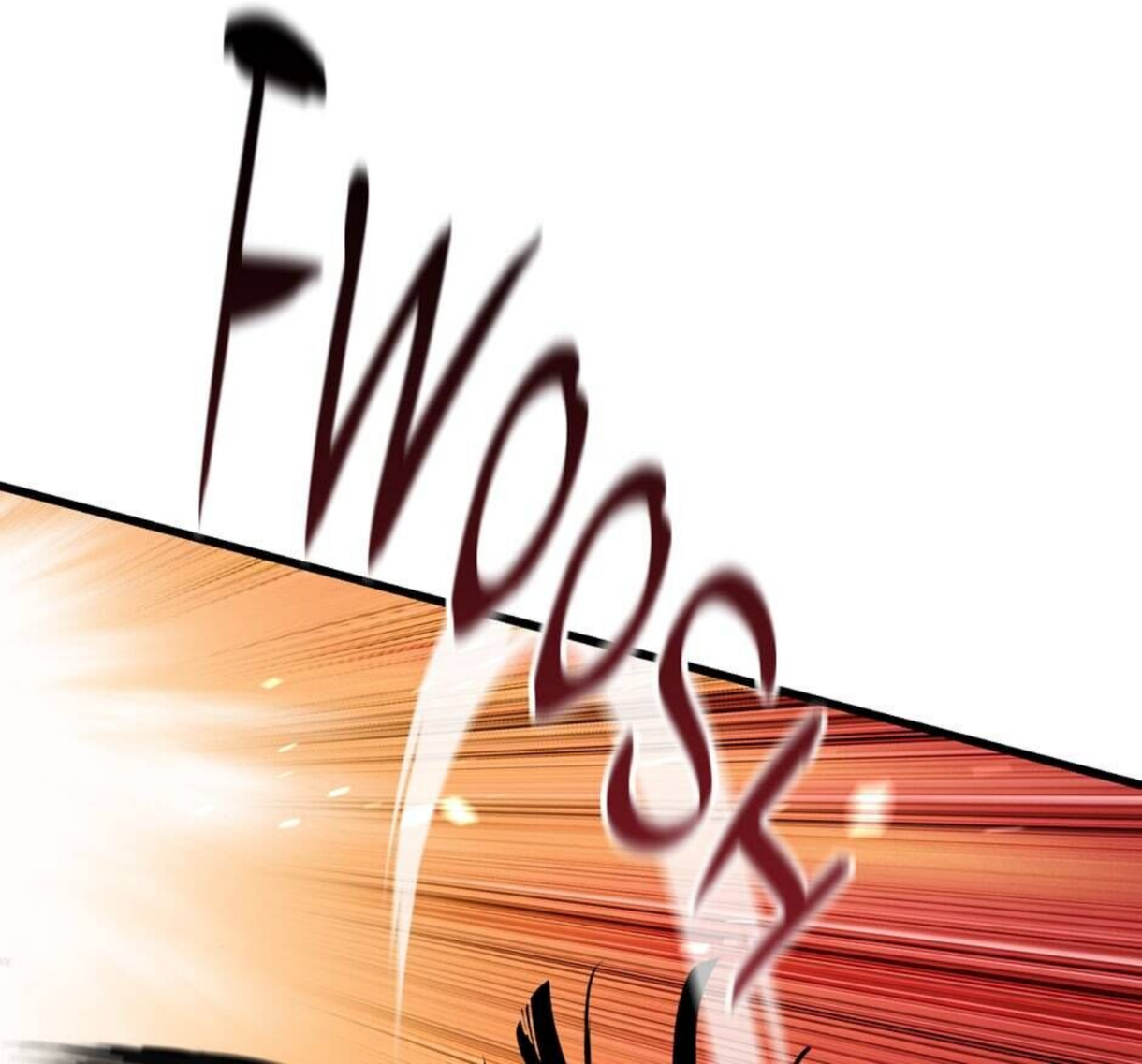


W-WAIT!!

SHWAA
AGH!

HEAR ME
OUT FIRST, OKAY?

THIS IS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING!

WHAT HAVE I MISUNDERSTOOD?

TAK

DID THE ELF KING
DIG HIS OWN GRAVE AND
CRAWL IN THERE HIMSELF?

ARE YOU NOT
THE REASON HE'S BURIED
IN THE GROUND NOW?

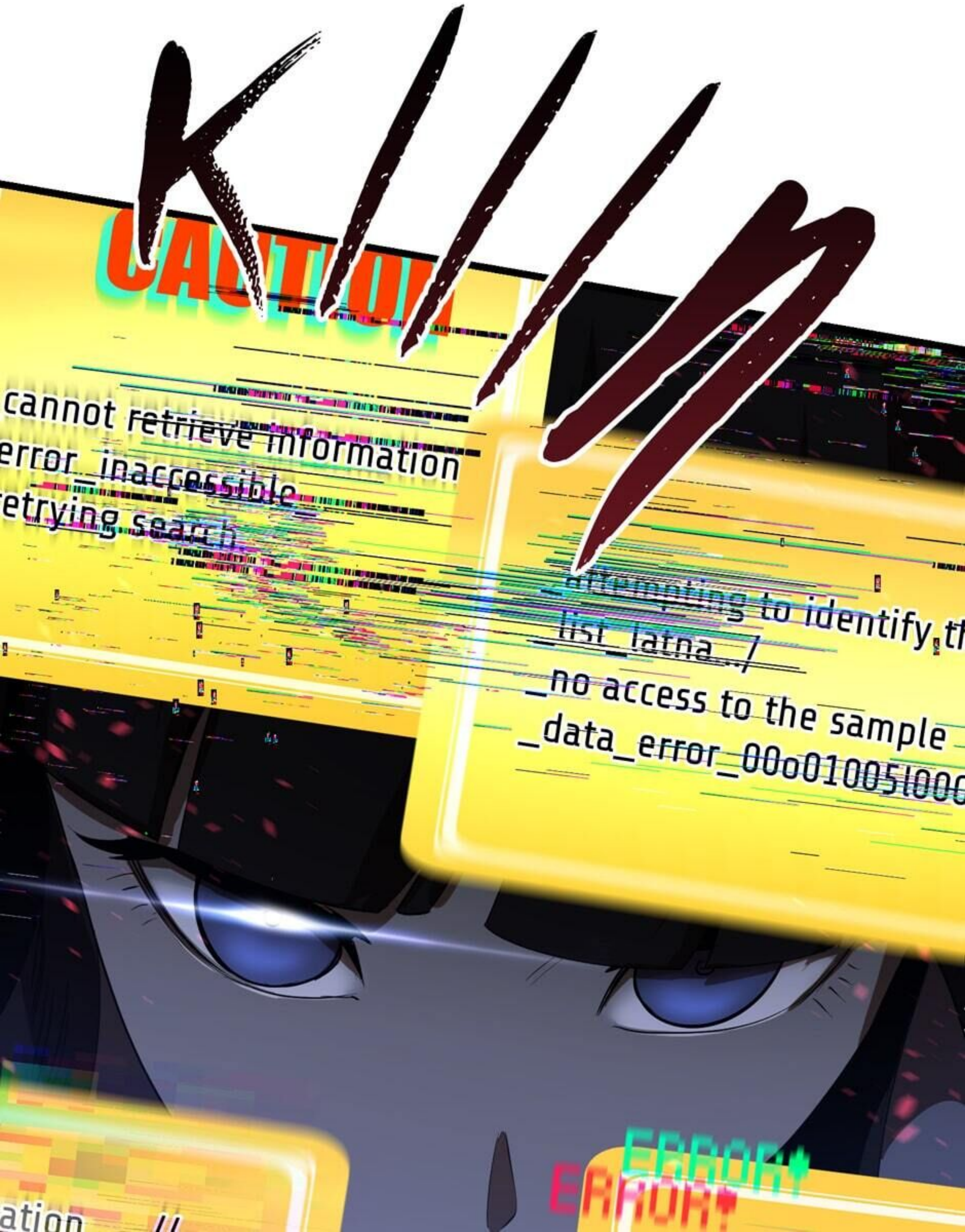
FIRST OF ALL, I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THE KING...

I MEAN... I *GUESS* I ENDED UP BURYING HIM THERE, BUT...

AH! SO YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO COVER UP A CERTAIN MISTAKE YOU'VE MADE BY BURYING HIM!

KCHK

KWUUUSH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GUIDE LINE ERROR...?!

SYNDOK

THWACK

JUST WHAT
THE HELL ARE YOU?!

SQUEEZE
AND YOUR SKIRT'S UPSIDE DO--

WHAM

AGH... UGH...!
PLOP

YOU PERVERT...

ANY OTHER GUY WOULD'VE DIED IMMEDIATELY... LET'S... CALM DOWN...

QUIVER

QUIVER
I KNOW A PUNCH LIKE THAT CAN'T KILL YOU.
HANBIN RYU. LEVEL 5. FORCIBLY TRANSFERRED BY OMPHALOS THE DEMON GOD AT THE AGE OF 24.

ACCIDENTALLY BECAME STUCK IN AN INTERIM WORLD FOR 22 YEARS DURING THAT PROCESS.
WHILE YOU REGISTER AS LEVEL 5, YOUR ACTUAL LEVEL IS UNDOUBTEDLY MUCH HIGHER THAN THAT.

I AM KIBIER,

BORN OF THE
POWERS OF KIBRIEL,
THE GODDESS OF DARKNESS.
I AM HER MESSENGER.

THE PROOF
IS IN YOUR GUIDE LINE.

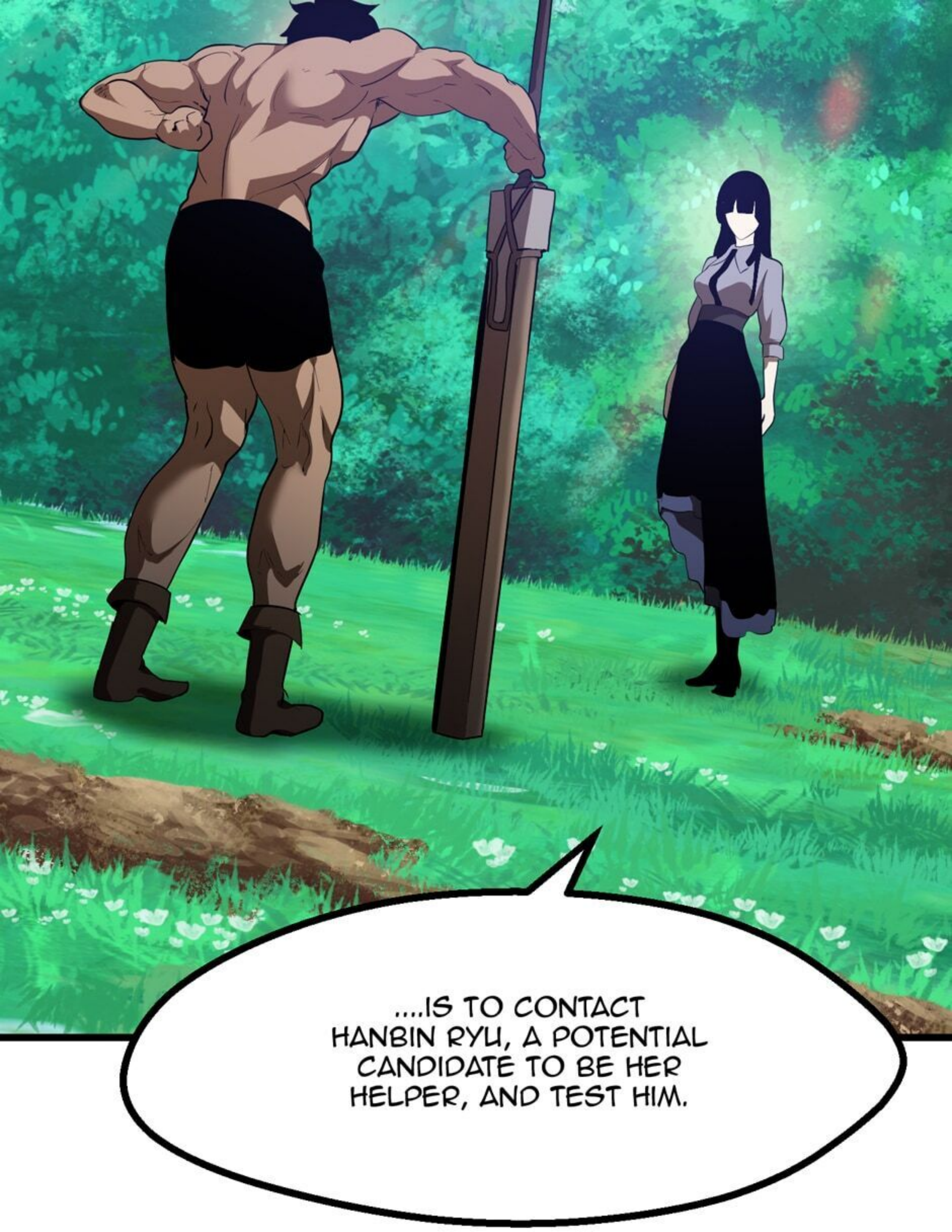
I WAS CREATED BY THE POWERS OF THE GODDESS—THE GUIDE LINES WON'T WORK ON ME SINCE THEY'RE MADE BY THE POWERS OF THE DEMON GOD.

KIBRIEL, THE GODDESS OF DARKNESS?

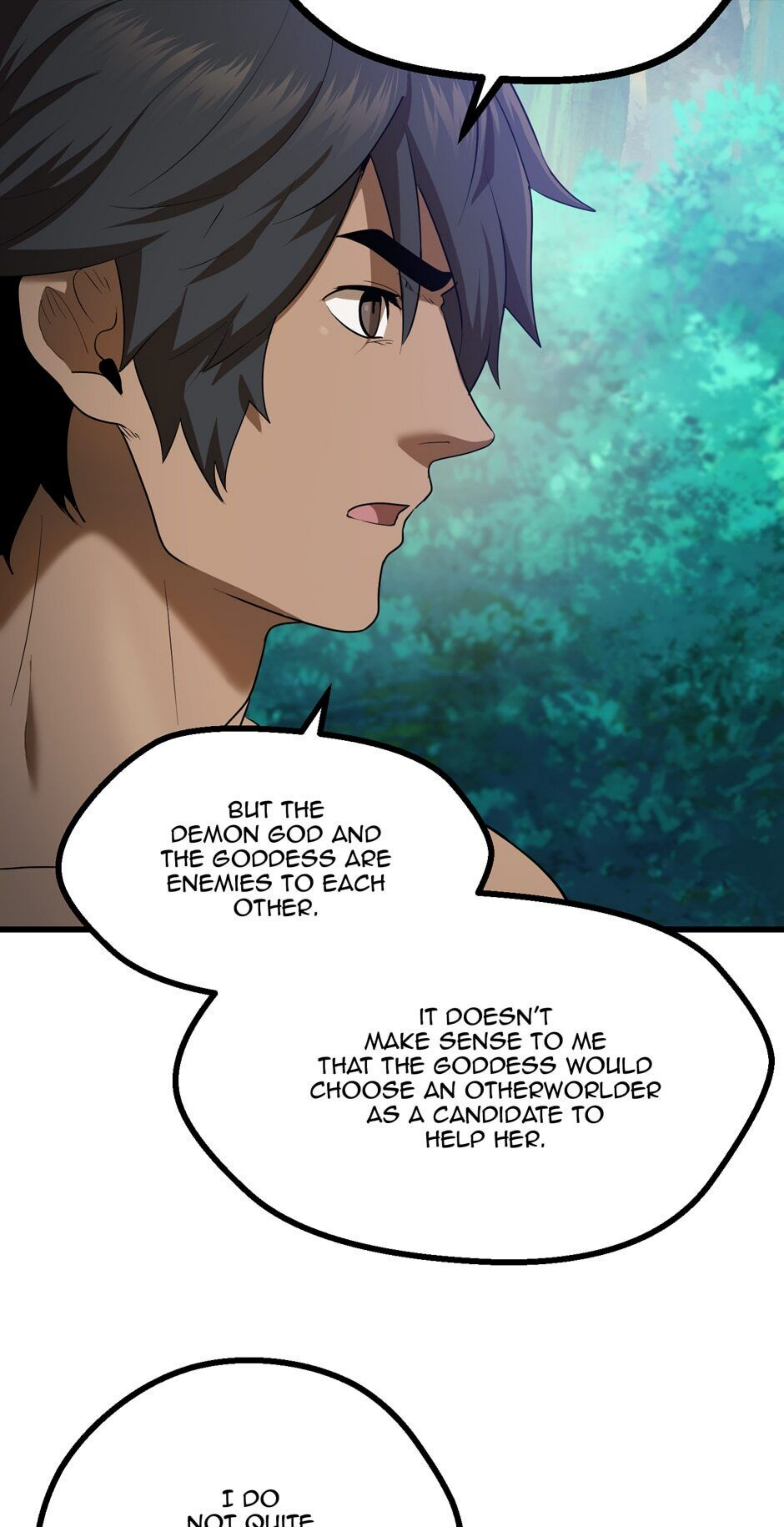
DID THE GODDESS DECIDE TO WIPE OUT OTHERWORLDERS HERSELF?!

NOT TRUE.

THE COMMAND KIBRIEL GAVE ME...


....IS TO CONTACT HANBIN RYU, A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE TO BE HER HELPER, AND TEST HIM.

HELPER...?


BUT THE DEMON GOD AND THE GODDESS ARE ENEMIES TO EACH OTHER.
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME THAT THE GODDESS WOULD CHOOSE AN OTHERWORLDER AS A CANDIDATE TO HELP HER.
I DO NOT QUITE

NOT QUITE COMPREHEND EITHER.
VWOONG
YOUR ERRORS AND UNCERTAN NATURE ARE NOT HELPFUL.

ON TOP OF THAT, ATTACKING THE AGED ELF KING MAKES ME QUESTION YOUR QUALIFICATION AS THE GODDESS'S HELPER.

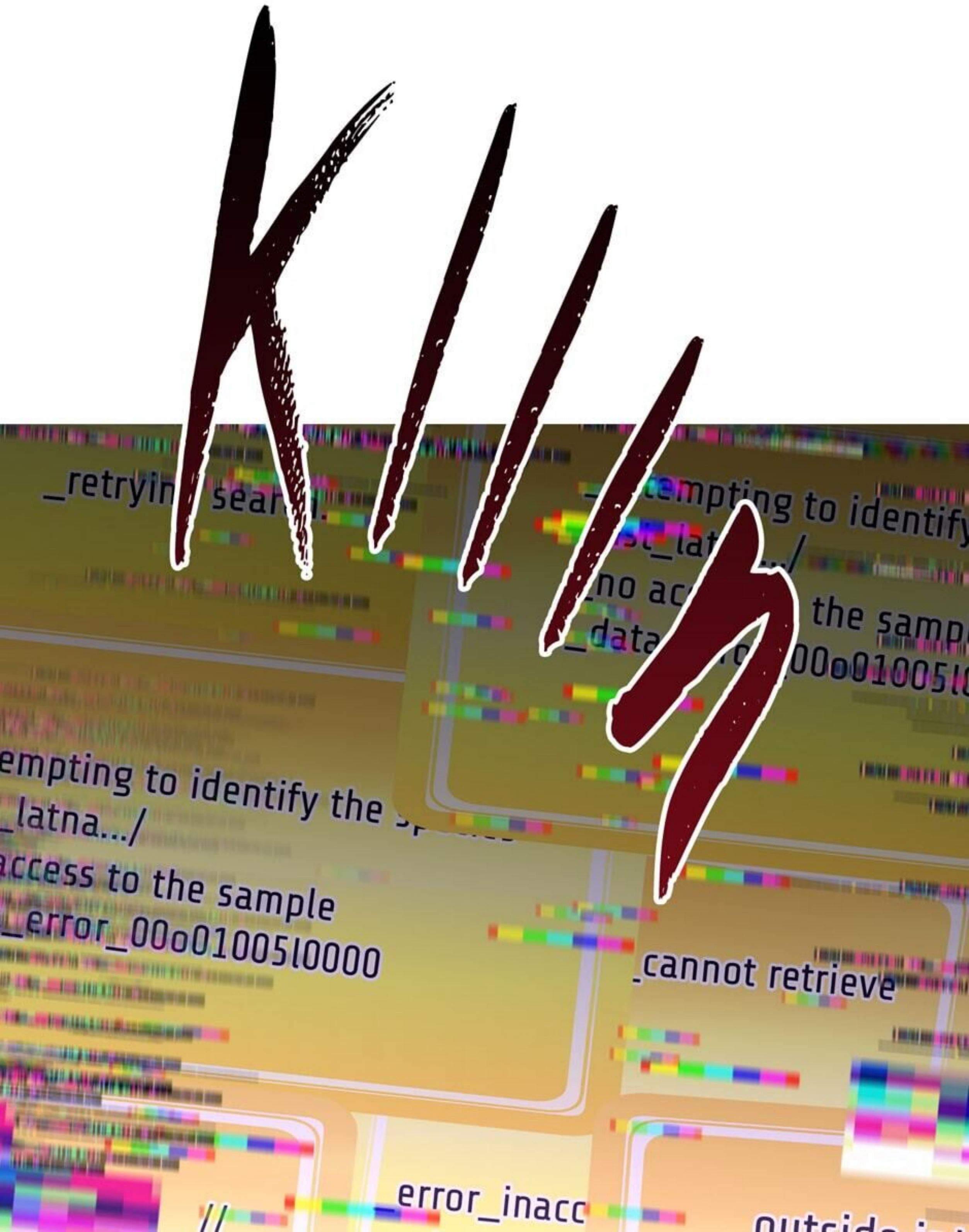
HAA... I TOLD YOU, ***THAT'S NOT IT!***

DESPITE YOUR CHARACTER FLAWS, I WILL FIND OUT FOR MYSELF NOW...
SK

...IF YOU'LL BE CHOSEN AS HER HELPER.

DID SHE JUST SUMMON A WEAPON? BUT...

I KNOW THAT SPEAR...!!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DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D FALL FOR THE SAME TRICK A THIRD TIME?

I CAN JUST TURN OFF THE GUIDE LINE.
SHWOOR

AND I WAS
RIGHT ABOUT THIS...

DIDN'T ANYONE TEACH YOU NOT TO USE SOMEONE ELSE'S STUFF WITHOUT ASKING?

I DON'T CARE WHO SENT YOU.

LET GO OF THIS SPEAR. NOW.

KWOOM

AURA!

BUUUM

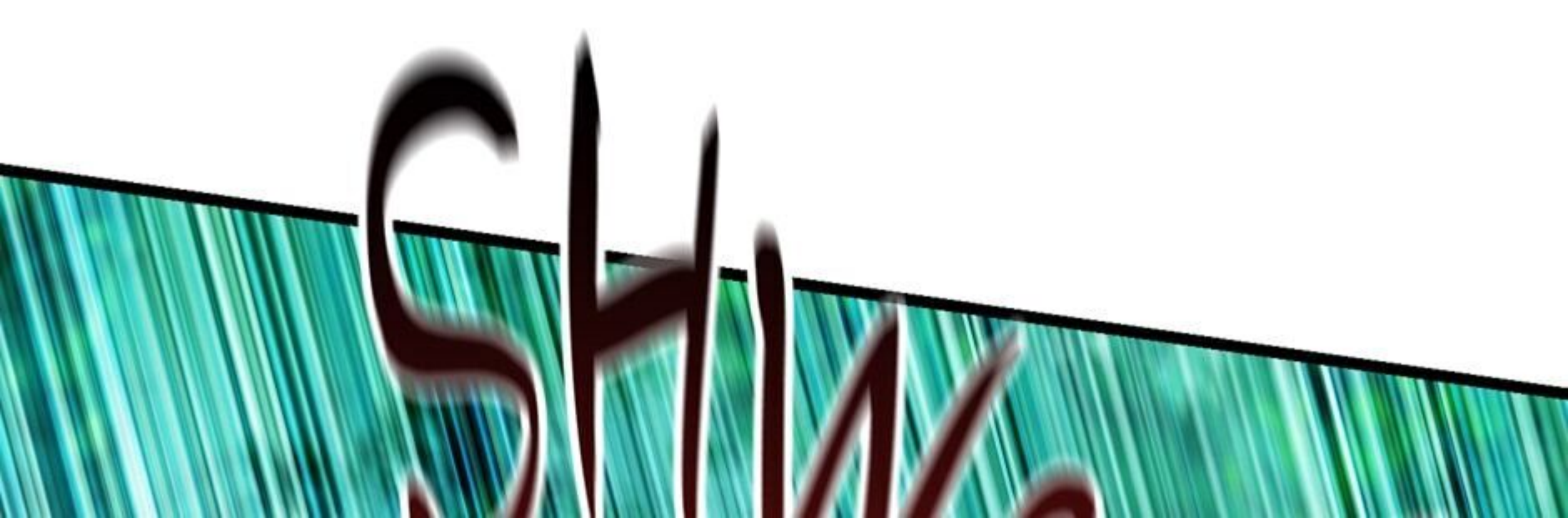
TAK

PHEW...

MY FINGERS WERE ALMOST BLOWN OFF.

IS MY DEFENSE WEAKENED BECAUSE THIS WOODEN SWORD IS SUCKING UP MY AURA?

I NEED TO CONTROL IT SO MY AURA ISN'T COMPLETELY DRAINED...!



TAK
HEY! I TOLD YOU TO STOP IT!

YOU DO NOT COMPREHEND THE GRAVITY OF THIS MATTER.

I MUST CONFIRM YOUR ABILITIES ON BEHALF OF KIBRIEL.

IS THAT SWORD FOR DECORATION?

CLANG

WHY AREN'T YOU USING YOUR AURA?

SHWAA

SHWOO

CLANG
WHY ARE YOU NOT TAKING THIS FIGHT SERIOUSLY?

YOU TALK SO GODDAMN MUCH!

YOU WANT ME TO GET SERIOUS? *FINE!!*

I CAN'T TRUST EVERYTHING SHE'S SAYING, BUT... I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS OF MY OWN TOO.

INSTEAD OF USING MY AURA...
SWOOSH

...I'LL HIT HER WITH JUST ENOUGH STRENGTH TO NOT KILL HER...!
CLANG

FSHHH

CLINK
THUD

GRAMPS!!
...I UNDERSTAND.

YOU DON'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO SHOW YOUR TRUE SELF.
RUMBLE

N-NO! HOLD ON!
IT'S THIS STRANGE SWORD.
THAT'S ALL!!
KNOW!

EWIC

FLICK
SHINOX

THAT LOOKS SIMILAR TO MY HORIZONTAL SLASH WITH AURA...!
I'D BETTER DODGE IT.

HMNG~?
WHSH
IS THIS WHAT THE AFTERLIFE IS LIKE?

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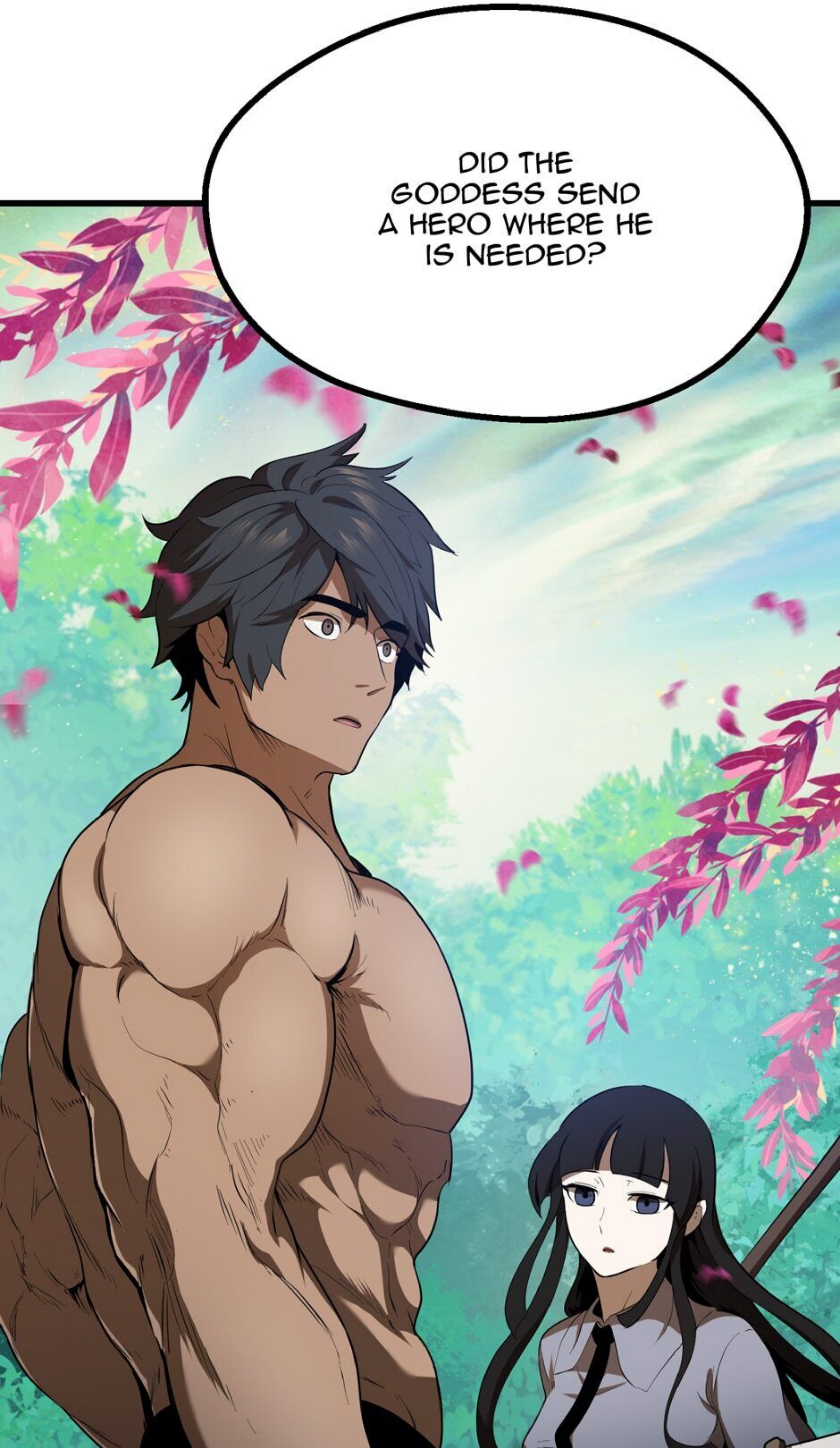
THE WORLD TREE GROWS BY ABSORBING ENERGY.

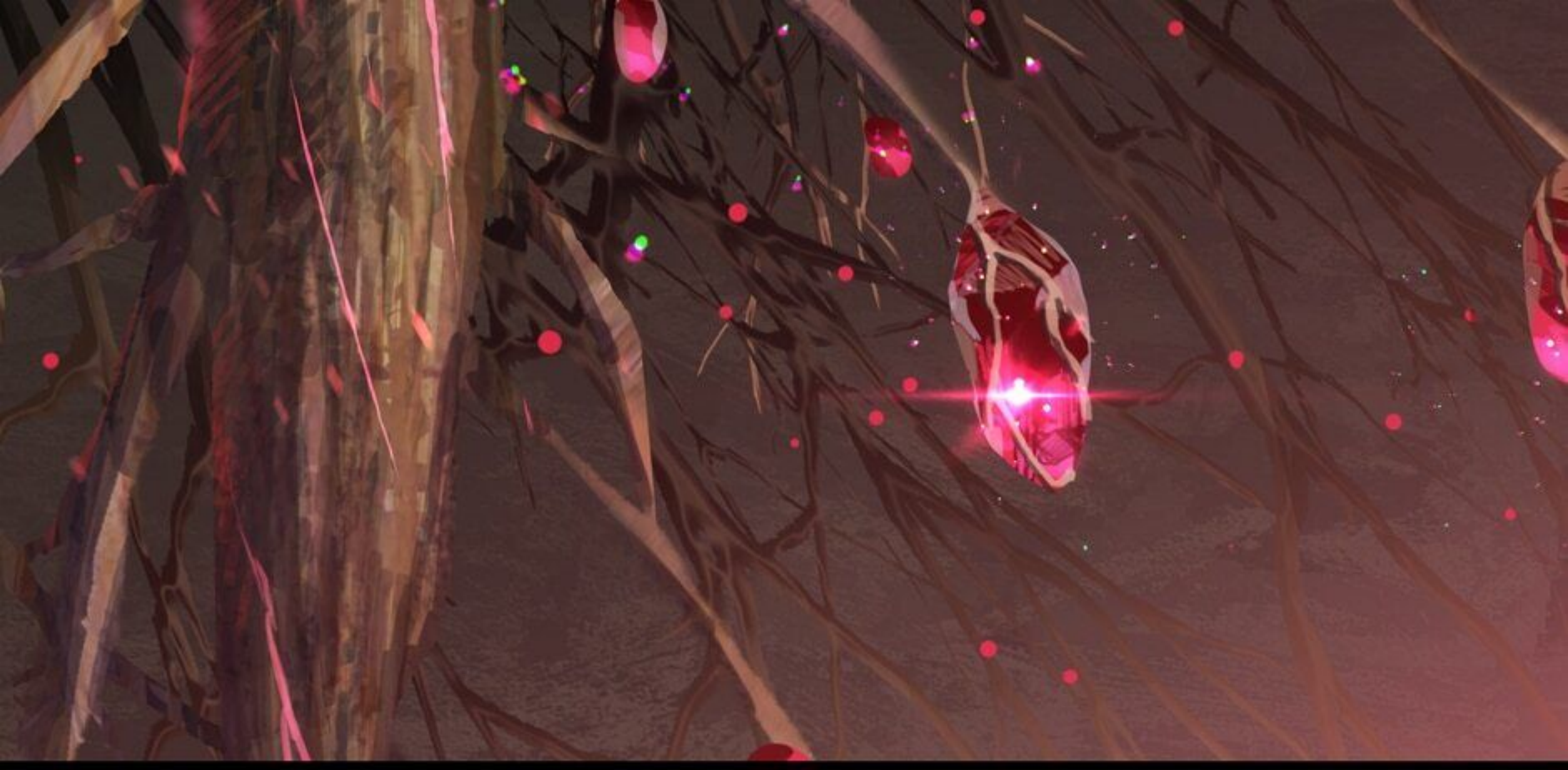
ITS CHARACTER CHANGES BASED ON THE TYPE OF ENERGY IT ABSORBS,
AND HIGH-QUALITY AURA CAN MAKE THE ROOTS OF THE TREE EVEN STRONGER THAN METAL.

BUT IT TAKES AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF AURA TO CHANGE THE WORLD TREE LIKE THAT...

FSHHHH

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE PAU-PAU...
AND JUST LIKE BACK THEN,


DID THE GODDESS SEND A HERO WHERE HE IS NEEDED?



RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE